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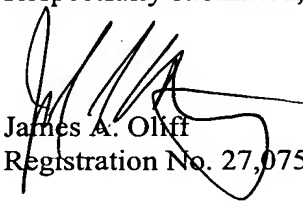
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- ☒ 3. References 1 & 2 were cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.
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- ☒ 5. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references 3-9 are attached hereto.

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- ☒ 6. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 3-9.

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